

## Description

# AIR BAG INFLATOR GAS VENTING SYSTEM

### CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

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### BACKGROUND OF INVENTION

[0002] 1. Field of the Invention

[0003] This invention relates generally to a passenger vehicle occupant restraint system having an air bag module and, more particularly, to an air bag module having direct venting.

[0004] 2. Background Art

[0005] Occupant restraint systems employing air bag modules are well known. During a collision of a predetermined magnitude, an air bag cushion is inflated by an inflator and is deployed in the vehicle for protection of the vehicle occupant. The air bag cushion is deployed at a high rate